capitalist. He bought more cigarettes than he could possibly smoke. We assumed he sold them at profit to tenants from other houses whom he met at his job. I know he sold some to Joan.

He asked what kind of deal. I told him we'd give him money for staying home. He asked how much. I considered that he'd be giving up some of his personal freedom for the common good. I also considered that he'd need some spending money, if he and Wanda were to be together outside the House. I said twenty dollars. He said "Deal!"

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Adam, Gladys and I discussed sex while setting up supper one evening shortly before Christmas. We discussed masturbation. They had been joking about it. Being queer and an outsider so far as heterosexual arrangements were concerned, I said it came as a surprise to me that straight married men masturbated. Evidently they didn't have passionate sex every night, or if they did they had it with themselves. Both of them laughed. Adam explained that for the first six months there was plenty of sex, but it didn't make the Top Ten List of Reasons for Staying Married. Even I could appreciate that it was mainly a legal arrangement. Balzac would have laughed.